

PARIS AGREEMENTS

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- I. French Council of Republic to approve Paris Agreements without amendments by 26 March.
 - A. All Council committees involved support ratification.
 1. Only industrial Production Committee has recommended amendments (Saar and arms pool).
 - B. Faure was able to put off Assembly re-opening of Saar question and finance bill until after Council debate on agreements.
 - C. After Council approval, President Coty has 10 days to promulgate law.
 1. Coty not expected to exercise constitutional right to require both houses reconsider.
- II. Major event on post-ratification horizon is revival East-West talk plans.

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A. Faure says he and Pinay morally bound
to press for talks.

B. Many Frenchmen hope that post-
ratification negotiations with USSR
can still stymie German rearmament.

III. Ratification outlook in West Germany.

A. President Heuss indicates he will sign
shortly; will not deposit treaties
until France and US have completed
action.

B. Constitutional court expected reject
Social Democratic petition against
Saar treaty.

C. Meanwhile, Adenauer is so confident
of outcome that he wants Occupation
terminated in mid-April.

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